

**KENTUCKY LICENSING BOARD OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS
BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

December 4, 2014
1:30 p.m.

A regular Board meeting of the Kentucky Licensing Board for Specialists in Hearing Instruments was held at the Office of Occupations and Professions located at 911 Leawood Drive in Frankfort, KY.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Larry Naiser
Gerry Gordon-Brown
Lisa Nelson Brown
Michael Stone
Steven Clark
Rebecca Hensley
William J. Brown
Peter Pearlman

OCCUPATIONS & PROFESSIONS STAFF

Amy Parker, Board Administrator
Diana Jarboe, Board Administrator
Gordon Slone, Executive Director

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Angela Evans, Board Attorney

BOARD MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Arun Gadre, M.D.

GUESTS

None

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Stone called the meeting to order at 1:32 PM.

SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Peter Pearlman, Hearing Instrument Specialist, and William J. Brown, Audiologist, were sworn in as members of the Board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes from the October 3, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Naiser made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial reports for October and November were reviewed by the Board.

OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS REPORT

Mr. Slone announced on the new Public Protection Cabinet Secretary, Ambrose Wilson IV. He reviewed the new tobacco/vaping ban for all state properties. Mr. Slone also reported the current vacant positions at O & P and the addition Jessica Parker, Board Administrator, as well as the status of the online renewal system, which the Board hopes to implement during the 2016 renewal cycle.

NEW BUSINESS

The Board scheduled their 2015 Board Meetings as follows: February 13, April 16, June 12, August 13, October 9 and December 10. The 2015 Exams are scheduled for April 17, August 14 and December 11.

The Board received correspondence from James Browning requesting a time extension on his continuing education as required for the 2015 license renewal. Mr. Clark made a motion to grant a six month time extension for continuing education requirements for this renewal period. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board received correspondence from Greta Ratliff and Robert Marshall requesting their licenses to be reactivated. The required continuing education was completed within the extension period, however, it had not been sent in to the Board timely. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to renew both licenses. Ms. Nelson Brown seconded the motion and it carried.

The Board received correspondence from John Kevin Franke regarding his apprenticeship/sponsor situation. The Board discussed the situation and agreed the laws were being abided.

The Board discussed exam limits for apprentices and licensee applicants. 201 KAR 7:040 Section 5(2) was discussed and it was determined that there are no limits to how many times the exams can be taken, but there is a limit to how long an apprentice permit can be renewed.

The Board formally thanked Ms. Evans for her seven years of service. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to order a plaque to honor Ms. Evans. Ms. Hensley seconded the motion and the motion carried.

COMPLAINTS

Mr. Clark motioned to go into closed session pursuant to KRS 61:810 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Hensley. Ms. Nelson Brown recused herself. During closed session, correspondence received by the Board pertaining to a violation of 201 KAR 7:090 Section 1(6) was discussed. No Board action was taken during closed session. After that discussion, Mr. Pearlman made a motion to come out of closed session and Mr. Brown seconded. Mr. Pearlman made a motion to file an administrative complaint against A.M. and W.C. for violation of 201 KAR 7:090 Section 1(6). Mr. Clark seconded the motion and it carried.

The complaint committee made a recommendation to dismiss case 2014-01. Mr. Brown made a motion to dismiss the case and Mr. Pearlman seconded it. The motion carried.

APPLICATIONS

The Applications Committee recommended the following actions:

- Nancy Howell – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Pamela Ison-Glover
- Martin Weinert – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Ricky Morris
- Jessica Weaver – Approved as an apprentice under the sponsorship of Paul Wimp
- Cathy Chmielewski – Approved to sit for exams 12/5/14
- Chris Chmielewski – Approved to sit for exams 12/5/14

The Committee motioned to approve the applications. Mr. Pearlman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

- Sarah Peters – Approved as an apprentice to start back at stage 1 under the sponsorship of Samuel Peters

Mr. Clark motioned to approve the application. Mr. Brown seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The Education Committee made a motion to approve the following:

- AmplifonUSA - Genius Technology- The Smart approach
- AmplifonUSA - 2015 Elite Hearing Network Summit

The motion was seconded by Mr. Clark. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM

Mr. Clark made a motion to approve the travel and per diem. The motion was seconded by Ms. Hensley and the motion carried.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Stone reminded the Board that the next meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 13, 2015. The Complaints Committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. with the regular meeting of the Board beginning at 1:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business before the Board, Ms. Gordon-Brown made a motion that the meeting would be adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The motion was seconded by Ms. Nelson Brown and carried.

Minutes Prepared by
Amy Parker, Board Administrator
December 16, 2014